

Dear Principals, Teachers, Students, and Parents,

On December 11, 1816, Indiana was admitted as the 19th state to join the Union. Please join us for **“Indiana Statehood Day,”** to celebrate Indiana’s 192nd birthday. The special program will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2008, from 12:00 to 1:00 P.M. in the Indiana State House. Educational and interactive displays will be presented by Executive offices, the Indiana Supreme Court, State Museum, State Archives, State Library, Historical Bureau and other State agencies from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

The celebration will include:

- Words of welcome from government officials.
- Installation of the original copies of Indiana’s 1816 and 1851 State Constitutions by the State Archivist, into a specially designed display case in the Rotunda.
- A display of an original 1916 state flag. Although one hundred years later, this is the original flag of Indiana that was selected in a 1916 competition. Paul Hadley from Mooresville was the contest winner and designer of our state flag.
- An interactive display from the Indiana State Museum!
- An opportunity to wear a judicial robe and bring the room to order by banging a courtroom gavel!
- Special music.
- Large ceremonial flags of Indiana, and the United States on display.
- Winner of the essay contest (see additional information)
- Please call the Capitol Tour Office to make a reservation for the program. **(317-233-5293). Call soon, space will be limited!**

Hope to see you at the State House !!!